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Mark Cowin

Director

California Department of Water Resources

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Re: Proposition 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant-Draft Funding Recommendations

Dear Director Cowin:

We are writing to oppose the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Draft Funding Recommendations for Proposition 84 Round 2 Implementation Grants. We are a member of the Gateway Water Management Authority (GWMA) and a project proponent. We ask that you reconsider GWMA's application for Proposition 84 grant funding.

The Central Basin Municipal Water District is a wholesale water provider that serves a population of more than 2 million residents living within 24 cities in Southeast Los Angeles County. The area we serve is highly diverse ethnically and socio-economically, more than half of the communities we serve qualify as disadvantaged.

Support of the projects included in the GWMA application would make significant strides towards reducing water consumption in our region, educating our communities about the importance of conservation and reducing reliance on imported water supplies.

For example, the project we look forward to working on would reduce consumption at several middle schools located in highly populated, disadvantaged communities in Southeast Los Angeles County through the installation of water saving devices on each campus. In addition, the project would educate students about conservation and provide them with tools to reduce consumption at school and at home. A project like this would certainly save water in the short term, but would also go a long way towards changing behavior with respect to water use.

For these reasons, we ask that you review and reconsider GWMA's application for grant funding. We are confident that you will find the projects included in the application to provide benefits to the communities that we serve and would represent a vital part of our region's efforts in doing our part to further reduce consumption.

Sincerely,



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